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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>INFORMATION</u></b> <b><u>DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u></b> <b><u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97</u></b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket	RICE-037
	First Named Inventor	HOPWOOD, FEMIA
	International Application No.	PCT/AU2004/000393
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	Group Art Unit	N/A
	Examiner Name	N/A
Title: "APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING AND PRINTING FLUIDS"		

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